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Minister Dupuy names Canada Day Committee presidents and vice-presidents

OTTAWA, May 16, 1995 - The Honourable Michel Dupuy, the Minister of Canadian Heritage, today announced the names of the presidents and the vice-presidents who will head the 12 provincial and territorial Canada Day Committees this year.

The Canada Day Committees, under the leadership of the presidents and vice-presidents, plan and promote special events and activities in celebration of Canada Day and encourage Canadians throughout the country to participate actively in the July 1 celebrations. All members, including the presidents and vice-presidents, serve voluntarily on these committees.

"All Canadians recognize that Canada is one of the best countries in the world and Canada Day celebrations provide a focal point for Canadians to express their love for their country," said Mr. Dupuy. "Canada Day Committees work very hard with Canadians from all backgrounds in all parts of the country to ensure that we celebrate Canada Day in a manner that befits the occasion."

The following persons were named as presidents and vice-presidents of the Canada Day Committees for 1995:

PROVINCE/TERRITORY / PRESIDENT / VICE-PRESIDENT

Yukon / Pamela Bangart / Chuck Gregersen
Northwest Territories / Gordon Campbell / Joe Karetak
British Columbia / Patrick Nicol / Len Lowe
Alberta / Edna Allwright / Wendy Martindale
Saskatchewan / Grant Currie / Susan Barber
Manitoba / Rosalie Goldstein / Marcien Ferland
Ontario / Susan Grace / Kathleen Thomas
Québec / Thérèse Spénard-Pilon / Barbara Seal
New Brunswick / Clément Tremblay / Howard Kirkpatrick
Nova Scotia / Helen Cassidy / Bernard Hum
Prince Edward Island / James Dunn / Edgar Arsenault
Newfoundland and Labrador / David Rudofsky / Cecil Whalen

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BIOGRAPHIES OF CANADA DAY COMMITTEE APPOINTEES

Yukon

Pamela Bangart, President: She was president of the Canada Day Committee for Yukon last year and vice-president during 1991-93. A Protocol Officer with the Government of Yukon, Mrs. Bangart is active in the scouting movement, the Yukon Rendez-vous Sourdough Committee and the Arctic Winter Games Host Committee. (Whitehorse)

Chuck Gregersen, Vice-President: Operations Manager and Acting Area Manager with CBC Yukon, Mr. Gregersen has been a member of the Canada Day Committee for Yukon since 1991. He has been involved with the Canadian Cancer Society Break Free Quit Smoking Program for eight years. (Whitehorse)

Northwest Territories

Gordon Campbell, President: Mr. Campbell, a former mayor of Inuvik, was councillor of Inuvik Town Council for 25 years. He has been president and regional director of the Inuvik Lions Club and a representative of the N.W.T. Liquor Board. (Inuvik)

Joe Karetak, Vice-President: Mr. Karetak is a host of a radio show. He is executive director of Sappujjijit Friendship Centre and general manager of Pigunnaqtut Inc., a non-profit organization which trains Nunavut organizations. (Rankin Inlet)

British Columbia

Patrick Nicol, President: A broadcaster for 25 years, Mr. Nicol has also served as a Vernon City Councillor, member of the Parks Board and Chairman of the Canada Day Celebration Committee. He was vice-president of the B.C. Canada Day Committee last year. He was a volunteer at the Vernon Winter Carnival for 17 years. (Vernon)

Len Lowe, Vice-President: A businessman, Mr. Lowe has also served as a Board Director of B.C. Trade and Development Corporation. He has been on the Advisory Board of the Salvation Army and on the Executive Committee of Mount Saint Joseph Hospital Foundation. He won the Lion of the Year Award in 1988. (Vancouver)

Alberta

Edna Allwright, President: A former chief executive officer of the Red Deer Regional Health Unit, Ms. Allwright has also been active in community work. She is a trustee of the Red Deer Regional Hospital Centre, has been chairperson of Red Deer Recreation, Parks and Culture Board and of Red Deer Ambulance Advisory Board. (Claresholm)

Wendy Martindale, Vice-President: Manager of the Red Deer Tourist and Convention Board, Ms. Martindale has also been a volunteer in many organizations. Vice-president of the Alberta Canada Day Committee last year, she has been on the committee since 1988. (Red Deer)

Saskatchewan

Grant Currie, President: A partner in the Robertson Stromberg law firm in Saskatoon,
Mr. Currie lectures on trial advocacy at the College of Law, University of Saskatchewan. He is past president of the Canadian Club of Saskatoon, the Saskatchewan Jazz Festival and the Saskatoon Jazz Society. (Saskatoon)

Susan Barber, Vice-President: A partner in the Regina law firm of McDougall, Ready, she lectures on law and business at the University of Regina. She is on the Board of Directors of the Regina Beach Yacht Club, the Regina Bar Association, Globe Theatre, and the University of Regina Alumni Association, Regina. (Regina)

Manitoba

Rosalie Goldstein, President: Ms. Goldstein heads a consultancy business, Goldstein and Associates Ltd. She has been artistic director of the Winnipeg Folk Festival and an associate director for more than 12 years. She received the Woman of the Year Award (Culture) from the YM-YWCA in 1990. (Winnipeg)

Marcien Ferland, Vice-President: Mr. Ferland has been with the Teaching Institute at University College of St. Boniface since 1984. Before that he was with the French Department of the University of Winnipeg for seven years. (Saint-Vital)

Ontario

Susan Grace, President: Ms. Grace, a past board member of the Advertising and Sales Club, has also been on the Board of Directors of the Cumberland Township Non-Profit Housing Corporation, the Gloucester Diving Club and the United Way (Cumberland). She was vice-president last year of the Ontario Canada Day Committee. (Cumberland)

Kathleen Thomas, Vice-President: Ms. Thomas is executive director of the Multicultural Council of Windsor and Essex County, an umbrella organization of over 90 ethnocultural organizations. She has been active in community work. (Windsor)

Quebec

Thérèse Spénard-Pilon, President: Ms. Pilon is member of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Laval and was a member of the Chamber of Commerce of Montreal. She received the Canada 125 Commemorative Medal for her contribution to the socio-cultural life of the City of Laval. She has also been involved in promoting tourism and welcoming immigrants. (Laval)

Barbara Seal, Vice-President: Ms. Seal has been vice-president of Quebec's Canada Day Committee for six terms. She has been a member of Town Council for Hampstead since 1980. She is a Member of the Order of Canada and received the Canada 125 Commemorative Medal. (Hampstead)

New Brunswick

Clément Tremblay, President: Mr. Tremblay is the organizer of the Dalhousie Annual Roast to benefit non-profit groups. He was a town councillor in Dalhousie during 1983-86 and 1989-92. He has been president of the Lions Club. (Dalhousie)

Howard Kirkpatrick, Vice-President: A community leader in Woodstock, Mr. Kirkpatrick was a member of the New Brunswick Secondary School Principals Association, the Woodstock Recreational Council, the Masonic Lodge and the Shriners. (Woodstock)

Nova Scotia

Helen Cassidy, President: Ms. Cassidy is the president of the Nova Scotia Rehabilitation Auxiliary. She is a fund-raiser for Victoria General Hospital and board member of the Halifax Cancer Society and other organizations. She received the Canada 125 Commemorative Medal and the 1992 YWCA Women's Recognition Honor. (Halifax)

Bernard Hum, Vice-President: Owner/operator of Pazzazz: The Event Management People, Mr. Hum is a consultant. He is involved in community and organizational promotional activities, including fund-raising for the Ronald McDonald House. (Halifax)

Prince Edward Island

James Dunn, President: Mr. Dunn, a farmer, has managed the Fort Augustine Recreation Centre since 1973. He has been involved in team and league organization in minor hockey, broomball and baseball. (Charlottetown)

Edgar Arsenault, Vice President: Recreation Coordinator with the Department of Education and Human Resources, Mr. Arsenault is also involved in many community activities. He received the Canada 125 Commemorative Medal. (Wellington Station)

Newfoundland and Labrador

David Rudofsky, President: Mr. Rudofsky is a past chairman of the Newfoundland and Labrador Paraplegic Association and a past president of the Business Association of Newfoundland and Labrador. A businessman, he has served as vice-president of the Newfoundland and Labrador Canada Day Committee. (St. John's)

Cecil Whalen, Vice-President: Mr. Whalen retired from the St. John's Fire Department as Captain after being a

public servant for 25 years. He is president of Mountbatten Holdings. (St. John's).